

STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE
1st CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO
THE ARMS TRADE TREATY
CANCUN, MEXICO, 24-27 AUG 15

Mr Chairman,

1. On behalf of the Singapore delegation, I wish to thank our host, the Government of Mexico, for its warm hospitality, and the Facilitators for their excellent work in facilitating discussions on the Rules of Procedure, Reporting Templates, Financial Rules, and the Secretariat. I would also like to thank the Chairman, Ambassador Jorge Lomonaco, and the Provisional Secretariat for their outstanding efforts throughout the preparatory process for the 1st Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty.

Mr Chairman,

2. Singapore signed the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) on 5 December 2014. We have consistently supported global efforts to establish common international standards for the regulation of the international trade in conventional arms. Our signing of the ATT reaffirmed Singapore's commitment to international efforts to eliminate the threat to international and regional peace, security and stability posed by illicit arms trade, and efforts towards international disarmament and non-proliferation initiatives that promote global peace and security.

3. Singapore is currently studying the ATT to fully implement the obligations domestically, which will lay the path towards

ratification. Since the start of the resolution towards the ATT, Singapore has actively participated in the discussions and negotiations leading to the adoption of the ATT. As a signatory, we also participated in the Preparatory Meetings leading to this Conference of States Parties. We welcome the progress that the ATT has made from its adoption to its entry into force, and the strong efforts towards achieving consensus on the key issues discussed in the Preparatory Meetings.

Mr Chairman,

4. Singapore looks forward to contributing to a productive Conference of States Parties, and supports the Conference in its efforts to achieve the goals of the ATT in a way that is based on consensus. We also support the Conference in its efforts to identify and decide on arrangements that are practical, effective and sustainable, and continue to facilitate legitimate trade, so that they lay firm foundations to ensure that the ATT maintains a strong footing going forward.

Thank you.

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